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6:40 p.m.
Detective
St. Louis County Police Department
Bureau of Crimes Against Persons

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DET. : This is Detective _____ of the St. Louis County Police Department's Bureau of Crimes Against Persons. The date is 8/9/2014. The time is 6:40 p.m. This interview is being conducted at _____ This interview is in regards to St. Louis County Police Report Number 14-43984, which is classified as a homicide. The person being interviewed is _____

DET. : _____, do you understand that this interview is being recorded?

: Yes.

DET. : Is it being recorded with your permission?

: Yes.

DET. : Knowing that it's being recorded, are you willing to continue with this interview?

Yes.

DET. : Okay. If you can, _____, can you tell me your birthday?

:

DET. : And what's your social security number?

:

DET. Okay...uh, the reason I'm speaking with you is because I was made aware that there is some information concerning the incident that we're investigating which is the police officer-involved shooting that you would like to let the police know about. So..if you can, earlier today, um, as I said there was a shooting...can you tell me...what you... know about that shooting?

: Ummm, actually, proceeding up...leaving my apartment, coming up towards West Florissant, I was right behind the police officer. Um, two young men was walking in the middle of the street.

DET. : Okay. Which direction were they walking?
: Umm... actually they was walking towards the complex.

DET. : So they were walking towards....Glen Owen or were they walking up towards West Florissant?
: Glen Owen.

DET. : They were walking...okay.
: Towards Glen Owen, an I was coming up towards West Florissant.

DET. : And you said there was a police officer in front of you?
: Yes.

DET. : What ki..what type of a vehicle was he in?
: A Ferguson police truck.

DET. : Okay, it was a truck.
: It was a truck.

DET. : Okay, like a pickup truck or an SUV?
: Umm, SUV.

DET. : Okay, and you were...how far behind this police officer were you?
: Umm, actually, probably ten feet.

DET. : Okay...
: At the most.

DET : Alright, so..from that point, you're behind the police...vehicle, a, you see these kids walking...you said..ho..describe how they were walking down the street.
: Actually, they was walking in the middle.

DET. : Down the center of the street?
: Of..

DET. : Down the center of the yellow line?

Yes

DET. Okay. Alright, so this police officer is approaching them...

: Is approaching them...

DET. : Okay, and what do you see?

: Um, as the officer approached the two young men...um, I don't know what was said, you know between the two parties, but I know something had to had been said...so...

DET. What...now, why do you say that?

Ah, just because of...just basically that their truck was moving back and forth like it there was kinda a tussling thing...

DET. : Okay

: ..going on.

DET. Okay just to make sure that I have this correct...the truck is headed towards the gentlemen that are walking, as you referred to it as "on the yellow line" ..

Yes.

DET. Okay, did that truck..did the police officer's truck at any point stop?

: Yes. For a short period of time. Yes.

DET. Okay, now do you know why that police officer had to stop his truck?

: Um...not to my knowledge no. I didn't know why.

DET. : Okay. Okay. Um...but he did. Where were...where were...the um...the young men at when he stopped.

: They were st..still proceeding to walk in the middle of the street.

DET. Okay, so they didn't mov...they didn't move out of his way?

: Um, no sir, they did not.

DET. : Okay. Alright, so the police officer stopped and he stopped right next to them? Did he stop...like in front of them, or did he stop once he passed them up...or?

: No, he stopped like right on the side of 'em.

DET. : Right on the side of them?

: Right on the side.

DET. : Okay. Once he stopped his vehicle, tell me what you saw.

Once he stopped his vehicle, um...like I said, I...I didn't hear or seen anything once he stopped his vehicle. I just saw the one young man that was with him, with the deceased suspect, I saw him...

DET. What'd he look like?

He had...he was a brown skinned guy, he was kinda short, kinda thin...with dreads.

DET. Okay.

: Ah, when I saw him, like come...like in the back of the truck...he was like, like looking but...didn't know what was going on...but I saw the fee..the foot, the feet of somebody, I looked up under the truck; I saw the feet like moving and it was kinda tapping, like, it was like some kind of confrontation going on.

DET. Okay and whe...at the time when you saw this police vehicle, you said you saw it shaking from left to right?

: Yeah. Like it was...

DET. : Okay.

: ...like it was...

DET. Where was the police officer at?

: Still inside.

DET. So he was still inside the truck, sitting in the seat?

: Yes, sir.

DET. : And you said you saw, you could only see feet from underneath the vehicle...

Yes, sir.

DET. ...of the other young man that was standing outside.

Yes, sir.

DET. : Okay and you saw the truck shaking back and forth?

Yes, sir.

DET. : Okay. And it looked like it was a confrontation...

: Yes..a lot of (UI)...

DET. : ...between the police officer who was inside the truck and..and the young man?

: ...and the suspect. Yes, yes sir.

DET. Tell me what you see next.

: After I saw that, I see the young man with the dreads...like bag back...and actually, I see him now because the trucks so big, course he's so little so ..

DET. : Ah hah.

: ...I see him now, come from like in the back... like he was trying to see what was going on, like it was a struggle.

DET. Okay.

Okay? Once that had happened, um...I heard the gunshot.

DET. Okay.

: I heard one shot.

DET. : Now when you heard the gunshot, where was the police officer?

: Still inside the truck.

DET. He was still inside the truck?

: Yes, sir.

DET. And the young man is still outside?

: Yes, sir.

DET. : What do you see next?

: Um...after that..I s...after I heard the gunshot...I seen the...the actually suspect that got shot, like bag back...

DET. Okay, so...away from the ...?

: Away from the truck.

DET. Okay.

 : Like ah, like a “boom” I been shot, but he backed up.

DET. Okay, so he looked surprised, I guess?

 : S..yes, like he was..like he was amazed or whatever, so..

DET. : Okay.

 ..after I seen that, I seen when the young man and the other man proceeded to take off running.

DET. : Okay, which direction did they run?

 They was run...

DET. : Towards....

 : Glen Owen

DET : Towards Glen Owen.

 Yes, sir.

DET. Okay, so I think that would be East....so they ran East.

 : Towards Glen Owen.

DET. : Okay.

 Um, and when...in the process of them running, now, at this time, I’m down. Because, I heard a gunshot so I’m terrified.

DET. Okay.

 Once, I see the police offer get out of the car...

DET. Uh hmm.

 : That’s when I instantly ducked. I ducked for a minute but I saw him run past...

DET. : Okay

 Like I was...I was up enough ta, ta see him run pass..that’s that’s when I had ducked down.

DET. : Okay.

I processed...when I ducked down, that's when I seen the young man with the dreads come on the side of my car.

DET. Okay, on the...

: ..and s..

DET. : ..on the right side?

: On the passenger.

DET. : Or... Okay.

: Trying to get in. 'Cause actually...

DET. He was trying to get in your car?

: ..he wa, he was trying to get in because I was stuck right there.

DET. Oh, okay.

I was...I was actually stuck so...he's ducking down but actually trying to get inside.

DET. Gotcha. Okay.

: I guess to get away from the gunshot, the man that was wit' em.

DET. : Right.

: After he did that, I looked up, now by this time I'm looking up 'cause I'm terrified, now I'm looking up in my rearview mirror, that's when I see the young man...well he already ran past and then a police officer ran past. So when I looked up, I saw the young man turn, he was facing the police officer. He was towards the police officer.

DET. : Okay, so you saw the young man's face,

Yes, sir.

DET. : ...but you saw the police officer's back?

: In my rearview mirror.

DET. : Okay.

And as I saw, I heard just three more gunshots. I don't know if it was two or three...I know it "dot, dot, dot" and then..I saw when the young man just hit the ground. When he hit the ground..I just got terr..I mean...I was just stunned

and..I never seen nothing like that in my life, so, I just end up proceeding to get away. In the process of me getting away, another truck came to me and almost hit me head on.

DET. : Okay

: With the police car.

DET. Right.

: So..I'm up in the grass by now...up in Canfield on the grass on the...the curb or whatever....and I just...I just took off. I mean I just seeded on down the street.

DET. : Okay. Is there anything else that you can think of that you haven't told me up to this point? Um...

: Umm...No, sir. That was...that was from front to the end. And after that I was just terrified and I just got away.

DET. Okay. Well, if there is nothing else..this..interview is being concluded. The time now is 6:49 p.m.

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